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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 29, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Bryce Anderson, pastor, Church of the Living Word, Vincennes, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

God of our forefathers, refuge of good and wise people in every generation: when history began, You were the first enlightener of minds. Yours was the Spirit that first led them out of their brutish estate. You are the Lord and giver of life, the source of all knowledge, the fountain of all goodness.

The patriarchs trusted You and were not put to shame. The prophets sought You and You committed Your word to their lips. The psalmists rejoiced in You and You were present in their psalms. The apostles waited upon You and they were filled with Your Spirit. The martyrs called upon You and You were with them in the midst of the flame.

Forbid it that we should fail to profit by these great memories of the ages or to enter into the glorious inheritance which You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DEFAZIO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 247. An act to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND BRYCE ANDERSON

(Mr. HOSTETTLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that our session today began with a prayer delivered by Bryce Anderson, pastor of the Church of the Living Word in Vincennes, Indiana.

It is a proud and longstanding part of our heritage that the work of Congress begins only after God's blessing and favor is sought, and I am proud that Pastor Anderson could participate in this historical duty.

In 1987, Pastor Anderson and his wife, Bobbie, established the Church of the Living Word as an outreach to their community. In his 16 years as pastor,

Bryce has demonstrated the commitment and dedication that make him both a role model and spiritual leader in Knox County.

Bryce shares with the first Speaker of the House, Frederic Augustus Muhlenberg, the notion that service to God and public service go hand in hand. Like so many of our founders, Pastor Anderson believes the church has both a role and responsibility to be active in faith and in service to community and country.

Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more.

ON THE RELEASE OF U.S. CITIZEN FUMING FONG

(Mr. PASCRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, for both sides of the aisle, Monday evening was a great time for New Jersey and America. I was at the Newark Airport at 11 p.m. when Fuming Fong, an American citizen who has been held in prison by the Chinese for 3 years, was finally released and returned home.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the State Department, most notably Assistant Secretary Kelly, and Will Laidlaw from the U.S. embassy in Beijing who came with Fuming Fong to join his family here in the United States. He is from West Orange, New Jersey, which is part of my district.

Fuming Fong is an electrical engineer. He was charged in a universal charge of bribery, which so many people are in Chinese prisons for. He was detained by the Chinese Government in February of 2000. After meeting with the Fong family in August 2001, I made the decision that this was something we could all get on board with, and so I went to China in January and the end of this year to plead with the Chinese Government, indeed, the President himself.

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